

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (original): A machine for bunching plant stems.

Claim 2 (original): The machine of claim 1 wherein ends on the band are secured on the gripper.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A machine according to claim 1.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A machine according to claim 1.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A machine according to claim 1.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A machine according to claim 1.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A machine according to claim 1.

Claim 8 (original): A machine according to claim 7.

Claim 9 (original): A gripper for bunching plant stems.

Claim 10 (original): A gripper according to claim 9.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A gripper according to claim 9.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A gripper according to claim 9.